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In re Application of TAYLOR	:	
U.S. Application No.: 09/701,228	:	
PCT Application No.: PCT/GB00/01028	:	
Int. Filing Date: 27 March 2000	:	DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 27 March 1999	:	
Attorney Docket No.: FHW-070US	:	
For: SIGNALLING METHOD AND	:	
APPARATUS	:	

This is in response to applicant's "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment. . . ." filed 03 January 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 27 March 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/GB00/01028, which claimed priority of an earlier United Kingdom application filed 27 March 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 05 October 2000. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 30 October 2000, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 27 November 2000.

On 27 November 2000, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 21 February 2001, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 26 September 2001, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909), which indicated that the present application is abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements.

On 03 January 2002, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181 along with an executed declaration.

DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that the Notification of Missing Requirements was sent to the wrong mailing address.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 26 September 2001 is hereby VACATED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 27 March 2000, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 03 January 2002.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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